



PROPOSAL EVALUATION

IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 2, FY 2011-2012

Applicant	San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	County	San Luis Obispo
		Grant Request	\$ 1,000,000
		Total Project Cost	\$ 2,276,298
Project Title	San Luis Obispo County Integrated Planning Proposal		

Project Description The San Luis Obispo County IRWM Region has identified major planning activities, prioritized and endorsed by the region's stakeholders. The objective of the 2012 SLO County Integrated Planning Proposal is to build on the successful collaboration and planning presented in the 2007 SLO IRWM Plan; incorporate and consider the four regional Proposition 50 planning studies (previously funded); consider and address the enhanced IRWM planning standards; consider changed regional conditions and enhanced planning approaches, including a revised governance approach; and address the highest priority data gaps and planning needs as determined through a public solicitation and review process.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	15
DAC Involvement	8
Schedule	5
Budget	10
Program Preferences	5
Tie Breaker	0
Total Score	43

- **Work Plan** The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough, well-presented documentation of regional needs and issues, and logical rationale. The Work Plan is complete and thorough, and the region is very well positioned to continue advances toward integrated water management, in part because of the well organized approach to the proposed work. The Work Plan demonstrates, via a comprehensive table, the status of their existing IRWM Plan in meeting the standards, as well as what is needed to meet those standards. The status table and Work Plan are in concert and all tasks directly support the updates identified for the Plan. The need for the Plan update work (Tasks 1-17, 20) is justified by the region's planning needs assessment that compares the 2007 IRWM Plan to the 2010 IRWM plan standards. In addition, the Applicant has prioritized the needed work by use of tiers to categorize the plan standards needing "significant" to "limited" modifications and has developed the scope of work accordingly. Also, the Work Plan includes tasks in addition to those needed to update the Plan (Task 18 "Watershed Study"; Task 19 "Salt and Nutrient and Recycled Water Planning", both of which are shown to directly support the update and improve the usefulness of the Plan. The submitted Work Plan is sufficiently detailed to be the scope of work in a grant agreement, and the amount of detail in the Work Plan tasks supports the Budget and Schedule.
- **DAC Involvement** The criterion is fully addressed but is not supported by thorough documentation or sufficient rationale. The Work Plan addresses DAC water issues where applicable throughout the update; however, there is much emphasis on communication but not enough specific language about how DACs will be involved in the IRWM planning process going forward. Task 17 "Engage DACs in IRWM Plan Update" facilitates and supports identification of DAC water issues in the planning process and will result in DAC water needs assessment as well as assistance for Project Preparation. There seems to be some



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redundancy between Tasks 17.1, 17.2, and 17.3. Task 17.2 “Compile Water Management Needs of DACs” is somewhat vague as to how this will be accomplished. The majority of task 17.3 “Conducting Outreach Activities” will occur after Task 17.2 which seems to be in reverse order. Task 17 in general has less detail than the other tasks in the Work Plan.

- **Schedule** The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale. The schedule is consistent with the Work Plan and the Budget and is reasonable.
- **Budget** The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale. The basis of the estimates for budget items is reasonable and logical, and the Budget is consistent with the Work Plan and Schedule.
- **Program Preference** The proposal meets all 15 Program Preferences.
- **Tie Breaker** Not Applicable.